

LMC ViewPoint



The newsletter of Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited

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GP Earnings and Expenses 2021-22

NHS Digital has published the [GP Earnings and Expenses Estimates 2021-22](#) which presents earnings and expenses information for full and part-time GPs working in the UK as either a contractor or salaried GP during the 2021/22 financial year. The findings in this report are based upon anonymised tax data from HM Revenue and Customs' Self Assessment tax records and cover both NHS/Health Service and private income. They also include earnings as a result of additional work delivering the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

Earnings and expenses information is published for contractor, salaried and combined (contractor and salaried) GPs at country level, with a regional breakdown where available. Figures are also given by contract type for GPs working under a General Medical Services (GMS) or a Primary Medical Services (PMS) contract as well as combined (GPMS).

In England the estimated average income before tax of GPs in either a General Medical Services or a Primary Medical Services practice was:

£118,100 for combined (contractor and salaried) GPs (£111,900 in 2020-21)

£153,400 for contractor GPs (£142,000 in 2020-21)

£68,000 for salaried GPs (£64,900 in 2020-21)

DDRB 2023/24 pay recommendation

In July the government accepted the [DDRB 2023/24 recommendation](#) of 6% uplift for most doctors. They stated that "The GP contract will be uplifted to provide a 6% uplift for all salaried general practice staff (including salaried GPs, nurses and admin)." GP partners are not being included. However we have still not received any information from BMA or NHS England about when this payment will be made. We will update you once we receive any further information.

Greener Practice for General Practice

Leeds LMC is holding an evening event focusing on Greener Practice, which will include a presentation from Dr Mike Tomson, GP, Medical Educator and Coach, and Director at Greener Practice, on cases which bring an aspect of how changes in planetary health are impacting at GP surgeries. His interactive presentation uniquely intertwines the concepts of planetary health and sustainable healthcare with real life cases to which we can all relate. The material is highly relevant and an excellent teaching and training resource. This will be an engaging and informative presentation and we would encourage you to join us.

The meeting will take place on Thursday 19th October 2023, 6:30-9pm at The Village Hotel, Leeds, LS16 5PR. Please see the attached agenda for more information. Register your place today by email mail@leedslmc.org

Covid and flu vaccination programme

On 30 August NHS England issued a letter outlining [changes to the COVID-19 vaccination programme](#). They have brought forward the flu and COVID-19 vaccination for adults. From 11 September 2023, systems must start vaccination for care home residents and those who are housebound. They are asking providers to ensure that all residents are vaccinated before 22 October 2023. They have also advised that others eligible

for vaccination can start to receive this from 11 September. COVID-19 vaccine supply will commence from 4 September 2023.

A supplement payment of £10 will be paid for each COVID-19 vaccination given to care home residents by 22nd October. The item of service payment for COVID-19 vaccinations has been increased by £5 for all other groups (except care workers) vaccinated by 31st October. The eligible cohorts for both flu and COVID-19 vaccination remain unchanged.

Last minute changes to the vaccination programme has become all too common and simply adds additional work to already stretched services. This follows significant concern expressed by the earlier decision to cut the item of service programme and for them to insist on the vaccination programme being delayed until October. All of this has now been changed.

Update to requirement for recording of flu vaccination events by PCN groupings

Following feedback from practices, the seasonal flu enhanced service specification is being updated to amend the recording requirements for synergistically delivered flu vaccinations by PCN groupings (i.e. flu only clinics run by a PCN grouping). A PCN grouping's constituent practices will now be able to elect to record flu only vaccination events in either their GP IT clinical system or their PCN grouping's point of care system (PoC).

The system to be used must be agreed and adopted by all practices in the PCN grouping to reduce the burden of post payment verification work to address any duplicate recordings and payments.

The position with regards to the following has not changed:

- PCN groupings that co-administer flu and COVID-19 vaccinations must still record their flu (and COVID-19) vaccination events in a PoC system.
- Individual practices must continue to use their GP IT system for practice delivered flu vaccinations or collaborations. under an Influenza Collaboration Agreement.

Junior Doctor and Consultant industrial action

Following the further ballot of junior doctors in England the mandate for strike action has been extended for a further six months. The results were:

Turnout: 71.25%

Number entitled to vote: 61,862

Number of votes cast in the ballot: 44,079

Number of YES votes: 43,340 (98.37%)

Number of NO votes: 718 (1.63%)

Number of spoiled or otherwise invalid voting papers returned: 21

On 19 September, consultants will deliver Christmas Day levels of care only, while junior doctors will work as usual. However on Wednesday 20 September, both junior doctors and consultants will deliver Christmas Day levels of staffing only, meaning that while emergency care will be provided, no elective care should take place. This will be followed by a full walkout of junior doctors on 21 and 22 September. Consultants will return to work as usual.

In October both consultants and junior doctors providing Christmas Day levels of care only, from 2-4 October inclusive.

“Right to Choose” ADHD referrals to Psychiatry UK paused

The Psychiatry-UK Executive Team has taken the decision to temporarily pause accepting new Right to Choose ADHD and Autism referrals from 8pm 25th August 2023 until further notice.

They state that “Our services, like the majority of those across the UK, are at capacity. Like other providers, we are experiencing unprecedented demand for both autism and ADHD assessments.

We feel this action will provide the required additional capacity needed so we can focus on quality of care. We understand the implications of this and want to reassure our partners and patients that this is not a decision we have taken lightly. Patients referred to us before 8pm on 25th August 2023, including those waiting for assessment and treatment, and patients referred through other pathways are unaffected.”

Access to cancer diagnostic services

NHS England have produced [Urgent GP direct access to diagnostic services for people with symptoms not meeting the threshold for an urgent suspected cancer referral](#). It provides advice on the use of urgent direct access referrals to specific diagnostic tests where the threshold for referral under the urgent suspected cancer referral pathway – to a specialist or for urgent GP direct access testing – are not met.

GP2GP transfer process being developed

NHS England report that a solution for the GP2GP transfer process is being developed, allowing transferred patient records to include restrictions put in place by the previous practice. This will allow the receiving practice to identify and review any restrictions which prevent patients from accessing all, or part of their own record, via the NHS App or online account.

NHS England is working with clinical system suppliers and NHS colleagues to implement the GP2GP restrictions fix. An FAQ will soon be available on the Future NHS website to address initial feedback. For further information contact gp2gp@nhs.net

Professor Claire Fuller new Medical Director for Primary Care for NHS England

Professor Claire Fuller has been appointed as the new Medical Director for Primary Care for NHS England. Professor Fuller, a practising GP and currently Chief Executive of the Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care System (ICS). Last year she produced the [Next steps for integrating primary care - Fuller Stocktake Report](#).

GPMPPlus Wellbeing Conference – Bradford 17th October 2023 - For West Yorkshire Practices

Are you looking to enhance your wellbeing or that of your staff and colleagues? Are you trying to improve the resilience of your practice?

The GPMPPlus Wellbeing Conference is an event delivered by GPs and clinicians for GPs and practice staff.

The day will offer a detailed insight into the diversity of wellbeing activities and shed light on how practices can help to improve their staff and team morale and resilience.

GPMPPlus would like to invite West Yorkshire practices to the Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford (Just off the M606) on Tuesday 17th October.

We are offering a full day of wellbeing workshops, keynote speakers, networking, refreshments and lunch – all for only £30.00 per delegate. Parking is ample and free too!

For more information, please find attached the Bradford Conference brochure or to book a place, please follow this link ([Book Now](#)).

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